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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No. 476-1893

First Inventor or Application Identifier Caves

Title Elimination of Premature Blocking in Communications Networks

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive title of the Invention  
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- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
- Reference to Microfiche Appendix  
- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 6]  
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- ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
- Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)  
a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy  
b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)  
c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
- ☐ 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement of Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
- ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 [Copies of IDS Citations]
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
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## FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description        | Fee Paid |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| 101 760                    | 201 380                    | Utility filing fee     | 690      |
| 106 310                    | 206 155                    | Design filing fee      |          |
| 107 480                    | 207 240                    | Plant filing fee       |          |
| 108 760                    | 208 380                    | Reissue filing fee     |          |
| 114 150                    | 214 75                     | Provisional filing fee |          |

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ ) 690

## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| 19           | -20** = 0    | X              |          |
| 5            | -3** = 2     | X              | 156      |
|              |              |                |          |

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| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 103 18                     | 203 9                      | Claims in excess of 20                                     |
| 102 78                     | 202 39                     | Independent claims in excess of 3                          |
| 104 260                    | 204 130                    | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                      |
| 109 78                     | 209 39                     | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
| 110 18                     | 210 9                      | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ ) 156

## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description  | Fee Paid |
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| 105 130                    | 205 65                     | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  |          |
| 127 50                     | 227 25                     | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                     |          |
| 139 130                    | 139 130                    | Non-English specification  |          |
| 147 2,520                  | 147 2,520                  | For filing a request for reexamination                                     |          |
| 112 920*                   | 112 920*                   | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 113 1,840*                 | 113 1,840*                 | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 115 110                    | 215 55                     | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
| 116 380                    | 216 190                    | Extension for reply within second month                                    |          |
| 117 870                    | 217 435                    | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |
| 118 1,360                  | 218 680                    | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |          |
| 128 1,850                  | 228 925                    | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 119 300                    | 219 150                    | Notice of Appeal   |          |
| 120 300                    | 220 150                    | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 121 260                    | 221 130                    | Request for oral hearing   |          |
| 138 1,510                  | 138 1,510                  | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 140 110                    | 240 55                     | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |          |
| 141 1,210                  | 241 605                    | Petition to revive - unintentional   |          |
| 142 1,210                  | 242 605                    | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |          |
| 143 430                    | 243 215                    | Design issue fee   |          |
| 144 580                    | 244 290                    | Plant issue fee  |          |
| 122 130                    | 122 130                    | Petitions to the Commissioner  |          |
| 123 50                     | 123 50                     | Petitions related to provisional applications                              |          |
| 126 240                    | 126 240                    | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt                                  |          |
| 581 40                     | 581 40                     | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |          |
| 146 760                    | 246 380                    | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))                |          |
| 149 760                    | 249 380                    | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))             |          |
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